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Please excuse the liberty which I now take in you; as I wish to correct the mistatement which was made relating to Abby Kelly, while at the meeting at Hartford. In the editorial column of the Charter Oak, it says: "Our annual meeting held last week, the proceedings of which are published in this number, was well attended. More than a hundred delegates were present, besides a goodly number of women, and had it not been for the disorderly conduct of Abby Kelly, and the discussion to which it gave rise, every thing would have passed off most happily."

I consider this a mistatement because it calculated to convey an impression to those who were not there, that she behaved with great impropiety; (vulgar, if I may so speak,) instead of conveying an idea as they should have done, that it was themselves behaved disorderly, in refusing to let her speak. It is due to her, and the cause for which she labored, to state that she conducted with perfect decorum; just as every christian should do when placed in similar circumstances: had it not been that I were present I could not have known so well how to compared her appearance with some of the men who took so active a part in opposing "woman's rights": but it can truly be said that Tyler, Sprague, or even the compromising Galusha did not appear so well as Abby Kelly: we sat upon the same seat or near by, during the whole of the proceedings, until 4 in the afternoon of the last day: if she had done any thing after tim, which the ought not, it would have been known before this, as they are so careful to publish every

I have written much, but it is only a private letter that it is pleasant for you cannot read it:

thing that has the least resemblance to the truth.

There is another false statment that occurs in the same column, which says: "During the calling of yeas and nays touching the construction of the constitution, a question was raised who had a right to vote. Our excellent president decided that those only who resided in the state, and were new members of anti-slavery Societies. An appeal was taken from the decision of the chair. The chair decided that no appeal could be taken during the calling of yeas and nays, that till they were through, and the vote declared, the decision of the chair was peremptory and final. Charles C. Burleigh protested against this decision of the chair, and in a very indecorous and boisterous manner demanded of the chair to put the question of appeal, affirming that he would never yield the point, unless by the agency of 'superior physical force'." C.C. Burleigh was not boisterous—: but supposing he had been; it would not been strange at all, considering how the president kept urging the secretary to continue reading the names; for he was obliged to speak loudly, and earnestly so as to be heard above the secretary's voice.

He did not, I think, say superior physical force: but simply, physical force; for superior would imply, that he should resort to his own strength; but if a person should over power him, then he would submit, and not till then.

Perhaps the secretary was not so much to blame as I have immagined; for Mr Burleigh might said superior—: the emphasis he placed upon his words. and knowing how the principles of non-resistance were

regarded by him, may have led me to this conclusion: others understood the same as myself.

Joseph Sturge thought it necessary to state how England felt with relation to woman's speaking in public: bringing in the world's convention for an example. Wonder if he thought she was to be any precedent for us to follow! noble man if he did! We have not forgotten the taxes which caused revolutionary war, and too, the aristocratic feeling that keeps the laboring people destitute of even the rudiments of knowledge. J. Sturge did not tell us, many, in England did assert their rights; no, we might have remained in ignorance of the fact to this day: but from the english correspondents have we learned the truth.

I would remind him that a Queen reigns in the land the country.

Galusha was disgusting beyond description, upon the resolution relating to woman's rights: He told us how we might form Female Societies, and exclude the men, and we would be right in so doing; but must not speak in their meetings. I cannot but exclaim wonderful disclosure!

Oh, that the English Language were adequate to to express the feelings of my heart when men say we are not persons.

Shame! that O. A. Phelps should proscribe those who suffered so much in the anti-slavery cause.

Will you not let me know whether or not you receive this. This is not designed for publication, because it is not (worthy of a place in your excellent columns. Yours for freedom.

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